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BEGIN SUMMARY. WE HAVE RECEIVED BRIEFINGS FROM NETHERLAND DEL
ON THE DISCUSSIONS OF EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS LAST WEEK.

ACCORDING TO THIS REPORT, FRENCH REJECTED ANY COMMON E. C.
LINE ON KISSINGER' S " YEAR OF EUROPE" SPEECH. POLITICAL DIRECTORS
ALSO TALKED ABOUT THE SITE AND TIMING OF THE CSCE AND THE LINK
BETWEEN MBFR AND CSCE. END SUMMARY.

1. WE LEARN THAT EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS SPENT CONSIDERABLE
TIME IN DISCUSSING KISSINGER' S APRIL 23 SPEECH AND PROPOSAL
FOR AN ATLANTIC CHARTER. EXCEPT FOR FRENCH AND IRISH, REACTION
TO THE SPEECH AND PROPOSAL WAS VAGUE BUT GENERALLY FAVORABLE.
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FRENCH WERE NEGATIVE AND BLOCKED DEVELOPMENT OF ANY COMMON POSI-
TION. DISCUSSION FOCUSSED ON A REPORT TO EC FOREIGN MINISTERS
ON ATLANTIC RELATIONS AND ON A DUTCH PROPOSED COMMUNIQUE ON THE
SAME SUBJECT, THE LATTER TO BE ISSUED BY EC FOREIGN MINISTER JUNE

T. FRENCH, WE ARE TOLD, VETOED BOTH PAPERS UNDER STRICT INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE QUAL.

2. DESPITE FRENCH ACTION, THE BELGIAN CHAIRMAN, DAVIGNON, CONCLUDED THAT THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MUST DISCUSS THE QUESTION OF ATLANTIC RELATIONS. HE SAID THAT HE WILL REQUEST AUTHORITY OF VAN ELSLANDE TO DO A PAPER ON A UNILATERAL BASIS FOR DISCUSSION BY THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS AND FOREIGN MINISTERS WHEN THEY MEET IN LUXEMBOURG ON JUNE 5.

3. THERE WAS ALSO A DISCUSSION OF A " SECOND LUXEMBOURG REPORT" ON POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS. THE FRENCH ALSO VETOED VIRTUALLY EVERYTHING IN THIS REPORT ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE WITH THE EXCEPTION OF RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR DETERMINING THE PROPER JURISDICTION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION AS OPPOSED TO THE COMMITTEE ON POLITICAL CONSULTATION (DAVIGNON COMMITTEE).

4. ON CSCE, THE FRENCH, FOR THE TIME BEING FAVORED HELSINKI FOR THE SECOND PHASE BUT ARE WILLING TO FOLLOW THE MAJORITY IF THEY FAVORED GENEVA. THE IRISH FAVORED HELSINKI AND HAVE SO INFORMED THE FINNS. THE DANES FAVOR HELSINKI FOR REASONS OF NORDIC SOLIDARITY. IT WAS AGREED HOWEVER, THAT THOSE WHO FAVORED GENEVA COULD DISCUSS THEIR PREFERENCE WITH OTHERS. THE IDEA OF GIVING THE THIRD PHASE OF CSCE TO HELSINKI WAS NOT ACCEPTED BUT RATHER THE QUESTION WAS LEFT OPEN.

5. ON CSCE TIMING, ALL AGREED THAT THE FIRST PHASE SHOULD BEGIN AT THE END OF JUNE OR EARLY JULY AND THAT THE SECOND PHASE SHOULD START IN SEPTEMBER. THERE WAS A SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS DISCUSSION OF LINKAGE BETWEEN MBFR AND CSCE. THE DUTCH INTERPRET THE DISCUSSION TO MEAN THAT CSCE SHOULD NOT BE UNDER TIME PRESSURE FROM MBFR. HOWEVER, THE DUTCH ADMIT THAT THE LANGUAGE OF THE EC REPORT SUGGESTS THAT THERE SHOULD NOT BE A FORMAL LINK BETWEEN THE TWO CONFERENCES; THIS WAS FRENCH LANGUAGE, AND THE FRENCH ARE LIKELY TO INTERPRET THE QUESTION THEIR WAY, THUS LEAVING SOME SPLIT WITHIN THE EC GROUP AS TO THE PRECISE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO CON-
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FERENCES.

6. THE DUTCH REPORTED THAT THEIR DELEGATION IN HELSINKI HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO SAY THAT IT WILL NOT ACCEPT A DATE FOR THE CONVENING OF THE FIRST PHASE OF THE CSCE UNTIL THEY HAVE HEARD THE RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING THE DATE FOR CONVENING MBFR. DUTCH CONSIDER THIS TO BE A HOLDING ACTION, HOPEFULLY EXTENDING ONLY FOR A FEW DAYS. RUMSFELD

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